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A. READING NATION

It doesn't mean much to be told that newspapers and magazines of this country use 2,710,000 tons of white paper a year—but read on. There are more than 22,000 newspapers in the United States, of which about 18,000 are weeklies. The circulation of all these papers runs well over 50,000,000 every week.

This tremendous output of printed matter gives every American an opportunity to keep informed as to what is going on in the world, and in the community about him, for the service of the average paper is almost perfect. When any event of importance transpires there is no waiting for the news. The public gets it within a few hours after it happens, instead of weeks and months later, as was the case in the days of our grandfathers.

The man or woman too poor to spend a few cents for a newspaper does not exist in this country outside of poor houses and charitable institutions. But even these institutions usually take a number of papers so that those they shelter can read, understand and appreciate. With the amount of news and information printed in the dailies and weeklies of this country there is no excuse for any person who can read to be ignorant of current events or of what is going on in their neighborhood, their state and the world at large. Read your paper—not just the headlines; not just because you think you are helping the editor out; but because it is your friend, your companion, a teacher and a guide. No other nation on earth possesses the intelligence, or enjoys the prosperity of America. And that is largely due to the fact that in no other nation are there as many newspaper readers.

LET'S GET NEIGHBORLY

We see relatives and friends coming and going on visits, and even neighbors running in and out of each other's homes, all cementing closer the bonds of friendship, and we wonder why towns don't do a little more of the same thing.

Think, for instance, how much better we'd all feel if we'd just shut up shop some fine afternoon, get together all the autos we could muster up, and run over and spend an hour or two in any of the towns nearby. We could let them know, of course, that we were coming, just to look them over and have an hour's friendly chat with them, and they'd welcome the visit with open arms, and throw wide open the gates of their town. They'd have improvements to show us, too, that might furnish us some good suggestions for making our own town better. And the friendly chats and new-formed acquaintances such a trip would make would be worth a lot to us in our daily work after we returned home.

There isn't any cause for community jealousy, and there is less cause for one town being jealous of another. We're all trying to make our own town better, but not at the expense of another town. So why can't we be a little more neighborly and a little more helpful? Why can't we agree upon some afternoon, now that spring is here, when we can close up shop for an hour and run out in one big, merry family party and call on our neighbors? Think it over, talk it over, and let us put it through at an early date.

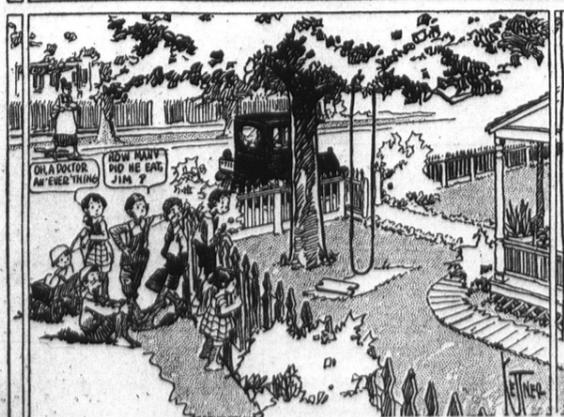
AT LARGE AGAIN

In spite of all the courts are doing in many cities and towns to stop speeding by imposing heavy fines and sentences, the speed maniac is still at large, and spring weather seems to be bringing them out in larger numbers than ever before. He abounds in every community, and we must admit that this territory boasts its share. A short time ago in an eastern city as a street car was unloading its passengers a madman of the speed type tore through the crowd in a high-powered auto at a rate of 60 miles an hour. Three people were instantly killed. And the motorist, when apprehended, was under the influence of liquor. But not all speed maniacs are drinkers. Most of them simply have a mania for fast driving; they lose all sight of the value of human life; they think it "smart" to step on the gas, and they care little for consequences. Spring is here, the speeders are becoming more numerous, so it would seem a pretty good time to start war on them—and show no mercy when one of them is brought to justice.

YOU MAY GO CRAZY—BUT TRY IT

There are over a thousand words in the average newspaper column. If you don't believe it, count them. When you have counted them, write a column on any subject; then write a column of short articles, with a different subject for every three or four lines. Then chase a news item all over town to find out there is nothing in it. Then write about five columns more, and you have the material for a rather slim newspaper. Do this this week and next, and next month and all next year. Try this for a year and see if you would not look on the man or woman who hands you a news item on the street as a benefactor, a Christian and an all-round good fellow.

Green Apples



Reapportionment

In early American history the cry of "Taxation Without Representation" aroused a spirit which has never died out. It was a red flag to our staunch, clear thinking, hard fighting ancestors. It incited them to battle and we are thankful each day that it did.

Here in Southern California there is one immediate condition which should be remedied to give taxation WITH representation. For a few moments at least we should divert our attention from some of the luring puzzles far, far away, and concentrate on a local development which is not fair and which is not just.

Because of the rapid growth of this part of the state, it is not properly represented at Sacramento. The division of representation in the legislature is based on former population figures. Thus, in a sense, there is a part of this portion of California which has no voice through its representatives in the legislative halls of the state and taxation measures might be passed without the opportunity being offered to raise voices in protest.

If the present apportionment remains unchanged approximately 400,000 people in Southern California will be without representation in the legislature, although they are paying their full proportion of taxes which go to support the government of the state.

Isn't this "Taxation Without Representation?" There can be no argument on this question of reapportionment, once the individual has the issue clearly defined for him and once he is thoroughly informed. Sentiment should sweep a measure through the proper channels so that Southern California may express its proportionate sentiments properly in the law making halls and so that the feeling of justice and satisfaction will prevail over all of California as it should.

The present conditions are due to narrow visioned politics and blind politicians. We members of the Los Angeles Realty Board refuse to believe that the thinking people of Northern and Central California favor the existing apportionment any more than we do. Talk reapportionment. Talk reapportionment. And act on reapportionment principles.

With consolidated effort there can be but one result.—Los Angeles Realtor.

WILD FLOWERS SAID TO BE VERY PLENTIFUL

April showers in Southern California are bringing May flowers for motorists to enjoy. According to an announcement from the Automobile Club of Southern California the desert regions of this part of the state are in blossom at this time of the year.

Wild flowers are not as profuse this season on the desert as they were last. Word received from the Club touring bureau from the vicinity of Palm Springs and other desert points informs autoists that this year's flowers are very beautiful to behold.

In the mountain districts wild flowers are at their best in April and hundreds of motoring parties are enjoying them to the utmost. In the mountains of San Gabriel county and Santa Barbara county hundreds of varieties of wild flowers can be seen. Auto Club representatives visiting the vicinity of Pine Hills and San Diego county report acres of beautiful flowers.

Ex-President's Orders Stalls Mr. McAdoo

Washington is smiling, gently, over the predicament in which William Gibbs McAdoo, former Washingtonian, now settled in California, found himself recently. He and Mrs. McAdoo were in New York, and there happened to be some concern at the moment over Ex-President Wilson's health. Mrs. McAdoo thought she would telephone Mrs. Wilson and find out just how things stood. But she had forgotten or mislaid her father's unlisted telephone number. She met with refusal, polite but positive when she tried to cajole "central" into connecting her. Mr. McAdoo tried. He got the manager, the man highest up in the telephone service, explained who he was and what he wanted—and why. The manager was infinitely regretful. He professed to recognize Mr. McAdoo's voice, but orders were positive. The Wilson telephone number was to be given to no one, and it ended in Mrs. McAdoo having to wire Mrs. Wilson to call her.

TRAVELERS MAY BRING ONE QUART OF LIQUOR

A new order issued by the Surveyor of the Port, which has just been made public, permits persons from abroad to bring in one quart of liquor "if they are sick." The liquor can be brought in duty free. Furthermore, the person does not have to be very sick, since the degree of illness is not designated in the ruling. Neither does it say what constitutes sickness.

Some hold that a mere craving for liquor is a symptom of disease and no thirsty traveler is going to dispute this. It is predicted that there will be great gatherings at the docks to meet returning invalids and that all ships arriving from wet places hereafter will carry only two classes of passengers—prohibitionists and invalids.

The ruling was issued March 19 but did not become public until last Wednesday.

It has gotten so in this country that a fellow can't have a case of anything about the house any more unless it's a case of sickness.

"VAMPS" WHO MADE HISTORY

By JAMES C. YOUNG.

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THE WOMAN WARMAKER.

IT WAS an ill-fated ship which brought a wonderfully beautiful Italian girl to England, toward the close of the Seventeenth century. But no one who saw this ivory-skinned, dark-eyed beauty, would have thought that she was to plunge England into a period of bloodshed. So her destiny proved, for Mary of Modena was the embodiment of bad luck to England. She came over from Italy as the betrothed bride of the Duke of York. In the course of a few years he ascended the throne as James II, although at the time of his marriage no one could have foreseen that event. James was a bad king, and what is perhaps worse, he was a weak king. The people muttered against him, and his wife, Mary of Modena, urged that he flee. James hesitated, and he presently was dethroned, William of Orange taking his place. Immediately James' followers banded together in what was called the Jacobite uprisings, this being a play on the Latin name for James, which is Jacobus.

Mary, watching events from France, paid her court to Louis XIV. She is said to have caught the fancy of the gallant Louis and to have persuaded him to declare her son the true king of England, instead of William. Louis assented and a new war promptly began, much worse than the civil conflict which had preceded it in England. William succeeded in gaining allies when Louis declared his own grandson to be king of Spain. Soon the War of the Spanish Succession was in its full red tide and Europe ran with blood. The struggle lasted 14 years and before it ended practically every nation of the continent was drawn in. Armies were wiped out, furious battles won and lost. Prince Eugene, insulted by a slight of Louis, went to Austria and inflicted heavy defeats on the French, becoming the greatest military leader Austria ever had—and he was a Frenchman. Marlborough won battle after battle for England and undying fame for himself. Louis' ablest leader died and France just escaped falling into the clutches of her enemies.

Mary, the maker of wars, had well earned the name. But she still was unsatisfied, and when peace finally came she used all of her blandishments to stir up new Jacobite troubles in England. The Jacobite rebellions dragged on for a number of years. But they were hopeless, for William had firmly seated himself on the throne. Still Mary kept on with the resolution of despair and not until her death in 1718 could the English king breathe easy.

Kentucky isn't what she used to be. It took five men to shoot one deputy sheriff down there a few days ago.

It's always a fine idea to beware of the man who has a good story he wants to tell you in a whisper.

Every book has readers who disagree with it, but no book is called a liar as often as the cook book.

Why is it that your neighbor who is always borrowing something never has anything to lend when you want to borrow?

"NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING TO STOCKHOLDERS"

To consider a proposal to increase Capital Stock.
Notice is hereby given that at a regularly called, noticed and held meeting of the Board of Directors of the State Bank of Lomita, a Corporation, having its principal place of business at Lomita, County of Los Angeles, State of California, on Tuesday, the 27th day of February, 1923, a full quorum of said Board being present, a resolution was duly and unanimously adopted, calling a special meeting of the Stockholders of said Corporation to be held on Tuesday, the 15th day of May, A. D., 1923, at the hour of two o'clock P. M. of that date, in the Directors' room in the Banking Rooms of said Corporation at Lomita, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, the same being the principal place of business of said Corporation, and being the place and building where the Board of Directors of said Corporation usually meets, for the purpose of considering and acting upon each and all of the following separate propositions:
(a) To increase the amount of the Capital Stock of this Corporation from Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) divided into Two Hundred-fifty (250) Shares of the par value of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) each, to One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) divided into One Thousand (1000) Shares of the par value of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) each, all of said Stock to be Common Stock.
(b) To consider and act upon any and such other business which may come before said meeting.
Dated this 27th day of February, A. D., 1923, at Lomita, County of Los Angeles, State of California.
By Order of the Board of Directors:
H. V. ADAMS,
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